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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1645**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Daniel LADANT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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International Filing Date: )  
December 4, 1998 ) Confirmation No. 8848  
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35 U.S.C. § 371 Filing Date: ) **Mail Stop AF**  
August 1, 2000 )  
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For: A BACTERIAL MULTI-HYBRID )  
SYSTEM AND APPLICATIONS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 18, 2004, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper,  
beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on  
page 11.

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